



## Frankfurt University ... at a glance

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## THE UNIVERSITY

Frankfurt University is a lively, urban, and cosmopolitan university that provides an excellent atmosphere in which to study, research, think, and create. The university was founded in 1914 through private funding. Thus, the university owes its establishment to the link – which is characteristic for the city of Frankfurt – between dynamic research, the legacy of the Enlightenment, and the conscious commitment of the citizens of Frankfurt to the fundamentals of international trade and industry.

As one of the largest institutions of higher education in Germany, the university is committed to providing a wide spectrum of disciplines in research and teaching, to generating outstanding achievements, and to breaking new ground through the targeted utilization of the advantages and synergies of interdisciplinary work in research and teaching. In competition with the best national and international universities, Frankfurt University aims to fulfill its training and educational mandates through performance and open-mindedness. The university supports the practical application of knowledge based upon solid fundamental research.



### CHARACTERISTICS

Frankfurt University is and will always aim to be:

- Urban and open-minded
- Cosmopolitan and international
- Effective and efficient
- Strong in research
- A vital partner in the Frankfurt-Rhine-Main metropolitan area

# STUDY

## Degree Programs

The university offers a wide range of subjects from A to Z, from African Language Studies to Zoology. A total of 170 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in 16 departments are offered in Frankfurt.

## Departments

- 01 Law
- 02 Economics and Business Administration
- 03 Social Sciences
- 04 Educational Sciences
- 05 Psychology and Sports Sciences
- 06 Protestant Theology
- 07 Roman Catholic Theology
- 08 Philosophy and History
- 09 Linguistics, Cultural and Civilization Studies, Art Studies
- 10 Modern Languages
- 11 Geology and Geography
- 12 Mathematics
- 13 Physics
- 14 Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences
- 15 Biology and Computer Science
- 16 Medical Science

## Postgraduate Studies

Several special programs for postgraduate study and research are offered at the university. So-called *Graduiertenkollegs* (Research Training Groups), which are Ph.D. programs financed by the *Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft* (German Research Foundation), focus on the following fields:

- Finance and Monetary Economics
- Archeological Analysis
- History of Art, Psychology, and Psychoanalysis
- Experience of Time and Aesthetical Perception
- Sentence Types: Variation and Interpretation
- Drug Development and Analytics
- Neural Plasticity: Molecules, Structures, Functions
- Public Spheres and Gender Relations. Dimensions of Experience

- Physics and Technology of Accelerators
- Roles of Eicosanoids in Biology and Medicine
- Political Languages in Europe from Antiquity through the 20th Century

International **Max Planck Research Schools** focus on the following subject areas:

- Comparative Legal History
- Structure and Function of Biological Membranes
- Atmospheric Physics and Chemistry

Furthermore, the university has developed **two international Ph.D. programs** concentrating on

- Social Sciences
- Religion in Dialogue

The **Frankfurt International Graduate School of Science** offers a Ph.D. program focusing on the theoretical branches of the natural sciences, in particular biology, chemistry, and physics.

## Advanced Learning and Executive Education

The university offers executive programs and advanced learning in several fields such as law and finance, business administration, clinical psychology, and dramaturgy.



# RESEARCH

Frankfurt University is a **research university**. Around 2,600 professors and research staff research in 16 departments. In addition, there are currently seven prestigious *Sonderforschungsbereiche* (Collaborative Research Centers), three *Forschergruppen* (Research Units) and one Schwerpunkt (Priority Program) based at the university, all of which are funded by the *Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft* (German Research Foundation).

## Collaborative Research Centers:

- Molecular and Cellular Bases of Neuronal Organization
- Culture of Knowledge and Social Change
- Molecular Bioenergetics
- Nitric Oxide (NO) as a Cellular Messenger
- RNA-ligands Interaction
- Functional Membrane Proteomics
- Light-induced Dynamics of Biopolymers

## Research Units:

- Spin- and Charge-Correlations in Low-Dimensional Metalorganic Solids
- Ecological Change and Cultural Disintegration in West and Central Africa
- Vascular Homeostasis: Molecular Mediators and Cellular Mechanisms

## Priority Program:

- Gene Regulation and Genome Organization in Archaea

Scholars and scientists at Frankfurt University have been awarded several **prestigious scientific prizes** such as the Leibniz Prize and even the Nobel Prize. The university is the most important and productive research university among the 16 universities in the state of Hesse.

Interdisciplinary research is also carried out in **scientific centers** such as the Frankfurt Institute for Advanced Studies (FIAS), the Institute for Law and Finance (ILF), the Center for Membrane Proteomics (CMP), the

Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Africa (ZIAF), the Center for Biomolecular Magnetic Resonance (BMRZ), the Cornelia Goethe Center for Women's and Gender Studies (CGC), and the Center for Drug Research, Development, and Safety (ZAFES).

The university **cooperates closely with other scientific institutions** in the region such as Mainz University, the Frankfurt-based Max Planck Institutes, the Senckenberg Nature Research Society as well as other universities and research institutions in Germany and around the globe.

# INTERNATIONALIZATION

Located in an international city, the university traditionally enjoys strong links to international institutions and organizations. Currently, around 6,800 students from more than 100 nations are enrolled at Frankfurt University, which continuously strives to further develop and strengthen its international partnerships. The university aims to expand its study abroad programs as well as increase its number of international students. The measures employed to this end include study programs held in English and other languages, integrated counseling / advising programs for international students as well as improved accommodation for international students and staff. Furthermore, the university has increased funding for innovative international study programs.

## International Summer University

Every year in August, Frankfurt University offers a one-month International Summer School. Qualified faculty from institutions in Germany and abroad offer credit-bearing courses in English and German on up-to-date topics in economics and business administration. In addition, the summer school offers an intensive German language course.

## Services for Visiting Students and Faculty

Frankfurt University offers a wide range of services for visiting and exchange students and faculty:

- Accommodation Service for student residences and university guest houses
- Guest House Social Service: student assistants help incoming instructors settle in
- German Language Program: introductory intensive course, full semester course, and a course focusing on German for daily life
- Orientation Program for incoming students
- *WellCome Projekt*: a "buddy program" to help newcomers to find their way around
- International Meeting Point: a meeting point for German and international students and a German Area Study Program
- Foreign Student Integration Program: fosters contact between German host families and international students and researchers

## FRANKFURT

Since the Middle Ages, the former free city of Frankfurt on the river Main has developed into one of the most important European financial and trading centers. Today, 348 banks, including the European Central Bank, 148 foreign banks, and the world's fourth largest stock exchange, channel the flow of money. Everyday life here is international and multi-lingual, given that almost every third person in Frankfurt holds a non-German passport. Frankfurt's airport is an international hub, and its more than 45 million passengers a year make it the largest airport on the European continent. The Frankfurt Trade Fair, one of the oldest in the world, is also a global actor: be it the Frankfurt Book Fair, Music Fair, or International Motor Show, the fair grounds attract approximately 2.7 million visitors to Frankfurt in peak years.

## NETWORKS

### Cooperative Efforts and Partners

The university cooperates with universities, authorities, schools, and research and cultural institutions in the region and beyond. Frankfurt University plays an active role in fostering scientific developments throughout the Rhine-Main region, which stands out as one of Europe's key regions for science and research.

### Knowledge Transfer and Start-Up Ventures

In the past few years the university has developed institutions that offer support in the following areas: in innovative research, in the application for patents, and in the transfer of knowledge and research from the academy to industry. Moreover, another institution has provided valuable advice to start-up ventures. The university has also developed a program, which aims to support and nurture young scientists and faculty.

### Advice and Support

The *Hochschulrat* (board of advisors) is responsible for advising on the university's development. The board is comprised of independent leaders from the fields of business, science, and culture.

The *Vereinigung von Freunden und Fördern* (an association of friends and alumni) actively supports the university in many areas by offering financial support for special projects, awarding prizes for excellence in teaching, study and research, and by building links to the Frankfurt community.



# LOCATION

Frankfurt University is located on four main campuses.



The old "headquarters" in Merton Street – Domicile of the Economics and Business Administration Department

The traditional campus of the university is located close to Frankfurt's trade fair and main train station. The university's administrative offices as well as the following departments can be found here:

- Law
- Economics and Business Administration
- Education and Social Sciences
- Psychology
- Sports Sciences
- Mathematics
- Computer Science
- Geosciences and Geography



The Bio Center – Magic moments of science

On Campus Riedberg, today's research projects aim to become tomorrow's scientific achievements in the natural sciences. The following departments are located here:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Physics (from 2005 onwards)
- Geosciences (from 2007 onwards)

## Campus Westend



The "I.G. Farben Building" – A building with an interesting and eventful history placed at the heart of Campus Westend

A great space for great thoughts: the beautiful campus offers extraordinary conditions for studying and research. The following departments can be found here:

- History
- Philosophy
- Modern Languages and Linguistics
- Cultural and Civilization Studies
- Other departments currently located on Campus Bockenheimer will be moved here in the coming years.

## Campus Niederrad



The university hospital at the river – State-of-the-art medicine for the sake of humankind

This is the largest hospital in Hesse and will soon be the most modern one as well. Research and scientific application join forces to provide the best medical care possible. This campus is the domicile of:

- Medical Science
- Dentistry

## FACTS AND FIGURES

Annual Budget	
General Budget 2003	EUR 263.2 million
Third-Party Funding	EUR 64.7 million
Students (Spring 2004)	
Overall Number of Students	35,000
International Students	6,800
Staff (Spring 2004)	
Full and Associate Professors	600
Research Staff	2,000
Administration	1,500

## FOUNDING AND HISTORY

### 1914

Frankfurt University was founded by wealthy Frankfurt citizens, including Franz Adickes, Wilhelm Merton, Franziska and Georg Speyer, Hedwig and Paul Ehrlich, Jakob Heinrich Schiff, Carl Franz, Friedrich Martin August Jügel, Henriette und Heinrich Mannberger, Alice Ida Marx née Friedmann and spouse Eduard, Stefan Lorentz, Simon Moritz, Henning August Freiherr von Bethmann and spouse Maximiliane, Karl Bardorf, and Leo Gans (Casella).

### 1918 to 1932

The city of Frankfurt and Hessian state administration strongly support the young and dynamic university, which in turn attracts a number of excellent scholars such as Paul Ehrlich, Max Dehn, Max von Laue, Otto Stern, Hugo Sinzheimer, Martin Buber, Walter Benjamin, and Erich Fromm.

### 1932

The university is re-named after Frankfurt's most famous citizen and becomes Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität.

### 1933 to 1945

During the Third Reich, the university loses numerous students and more than one third of its professors due to racial policies and political reasons.

### 1946

The university reopens after the end of World War II. The first elected rector is Walter Hallstein.

### 1950

Max Horkheimer, Theodor W. Adorno, and Friedrich Pollock re-open the Institut für Sozialforschung.

### 1967

The formerly endowed university becomes a state university administered by the Hessian government.

### 1970s

A new Hesse-wide university law provides the student body with a voice and the rights of co-determination in university matters.

### 1980s and 1990s

The university expands to two new locations: Campus Riedberg (natural sciences) and Campus Westend (humanities).

### 2001

The new Hessian Higher Education Act establishes a new administrative structure with a strong presidential leadership.

### 2004

The university celebrates its 90th anniversary. With 35,000 enrolled students, 600 Professors, as well as 3,500 academic and non-academic staff on four main campuses, Frankfurt University ranks among the largest universities in Germany.

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